TAKE HOT OIL SAMPLES WHEN?



Dear Rotor,

As QC inspector at Ft Knox's Army Aviation Support Facility, I've noted a potential source of confusion concerning oil sampling.

TB 43-0106, which provides oil sampling info for aeronautical equipment, says that oil samples are required within 15 minutes of equipment shutdown and while the component/equipment is still warm.

However, TB 43-0211, which is the source of info for nonaeronautical equipment oil sampling, has on Page 35 info on taking aeronautical samples. The confusion then comes in a Q&A section on Page 38. "Must I always take a hot sample?" The answer printed is "No." This is only true for non-aeronautical equipment, however.

In aviation, the requirement has always been to take a warm oil sample like it says in TB 43-0106. I believe some note should be added to TB 43-0211 so the source of confusion is removed.

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You're absolutely correct about aviation component oil samples being taken while the component is still warm (within 15 minutes of equipment shutdown). The question on Page 38 of TB 43-0211 is not for aircraft, even though aeronautical oil sampling info does appear on Page 35. The next revision of TB 43-0211 will clear up the confusion.



